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Ms Carlyn Winter Prisk (3HS11)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA  
19103-2029

November 8, 2001

Dear Ms Prisk;

This constitutes the Academy of Music/ Philadelphia Orchestra Associations response to your agency's Request for Information dated November 5, 2001. We have almost no information concerning Academy activities from 1958 to 1979. Accordingly our ability to assist you is limited.

1. The Academy of Music has been owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association (POA) since 1964. The POA was founded in 1900. It is a non profit whose sole affiliated entities is the Academy of Music. Later this year, the POA will retain ownership of the Academy but will turn management over to the Regional Performing Arts Center.

2. Since 1900, the POA's sole activity has been the performance of orchestral symphonic music. The Academy of Music has been the Philadelphia venue for the Orchestra. In December 2001 the Orchestra's new venue will be the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. The Academy will then be leased for performances by the Philadelphia Opera Company, the Ballet and touring theatrical and cultural companies.

3. We are unaware of any person who has knowledge of Academy operations in the time frame noted in your letter. The sole exception may be Hugh Walsh who recently retired as Hall Manager. [REDACTED]

4. The Orchestra is a nonprofit corporation and has no ownership as such. It is operated by a Board of Directors, whose current Chair is Richard Smoot. The Board

oversees a professional staff and the hiring of the Music Director who is responsible for the performances of the Orchestra

The Academy has a separate advisory Board Chaired by Harold Sorgenti [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

4c We have no records or information relating to trash removal or any of the items sated in your question 4c. Our record pertain to concerts and performances given at the Academy.

5. As stated we have no document concerning trash removal or the matters listed in your question for the period 1958 to 1979.

6. We have no information.

7. We have no information.

8. We have no information on contracts with the firms listed in your question.

9. We have no information.

10. We have no information.

11. No such spillage or release of substances as described in question 11 happened.

12. We have no information on who took out the Academy's trash or performed the duties listed in question 12 in 1958 through 1979.

13. No.

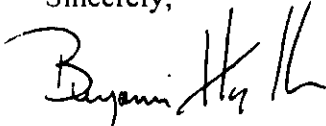
14. We have no information.

15. Benjamin Hayllar  
Chief Financial Officer  
Philadelphia Orchestra Association  
260 S Broad Street  
Philadelphia Pa 19102  
215-893-1913

All correspondence should be directed to the person listed above.

16. The records of trash removal were thrown out with other aged documents over the course of time.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Hayllar". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Benjamin Hayllar  
Chief Financial Officer



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